

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 187

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.C.R.  
No. 187 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A PILOT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FLAG RUGBY  
PROGRAM AIMED AT REDUCING RISKY BEHAVIORS AND INCARCERATION  
RATES AMONG NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER YOUTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Encourage the Department of Education to establish a pilot youth development flag rugby program at middle and intermediate schools in the Nanakuli-Waianae, Kau-Keaau-Pahoa, and Castle-Kahuku Complex Areas aimed at engaging Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander youth for the purpose of reducing risky behaviors and incarceration rates;
- (2) Request the Department of Education to determine the costs of the pilot program and identify funding sources for its implementation; and
- (3) Request the pilot program to compile quantitative and qualitative data to demonstrate the pilot program's impact upon Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander youth.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and Hawaii State Teachers Association.



Your Committee finds that youth development programs are effective in providing positive influences for young people. A pilot youth flag rugby program may be an outlet for at-risk youth to direct their energy in a positive way. Establishing a flag rugby program would help fill the current void of after-school athletics for public middle and intermediate school students, and could help young Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders avoid risky behaviors, and ultimately incarceration, rates of which are disproportionately high among those communities. Such a program may offer mentorship; positive support; and the physical, social, and educational stimulation needed to keep at-risk youth engaged in school and motivated to succeed.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 187 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Education,



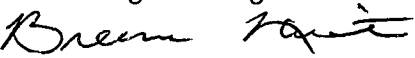
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MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SCR 187	EDU, NAM	3/30/15
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____		
The Recommendation is:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)	✓	
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)	✓	
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne		✓
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓	
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.		✓
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓	
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.		✓
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓	
SLOM, Sam	✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	6	3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 		
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